



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Can you help please?

After 20 years on the LRA Executive Committee, and spells as a County Cllr and LRA Chairman, David Linnell is handing over the behind-the-scenes jobs that support LRA's campaigning on behalf of residents.

We're splitting these jobs so that new volunteers have an easily managed involvement. For example, we need some-one to help produce the displays at our monthly High Road Farmers Markets, and some-one else to help make sure our printed newsletters get produced and delivered on time. David will be around to help newcomers take over.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact him at

David.Linnell@LoughtonResidents.co.uk or on 020 8508 2932.

LRA NEWS

Loughton Leisure Centre, Traps Hill

- **Easter opening hours extended.** See [here](#). We hope residents will take advantage of the Easter openings – over the last few years, LRA Cllr Rose Brookes has worked hard to get the Centre open over the holiday period...the more it's used the more likely this is to continue.
- **Price increases**

The steam room and sauna in Loughton have become rather shabby so Places for People (who now run the Centre for the District Council) agreed to invest approximately £40,000 in new ones, which are due to be installed in the next few weeks.

In order to try to standardise prices across the District it was agreed that the charge for on-off users would increase to £8 (£6 for OAPs) and this has led to complaints from residents.

The cost of a "senior" swim has also gone up, but only by a few pence.

LRA Cllr Rose Brookes is one of the nominated District Cllrs on the District Leisure Contract Partnership Board, which is looking at how Places for People are implementing the contract at all four District centres, including Loughton. She has asked if the Board could discuss a possible OAP concession day for the steam and sauna (so on certain days/times it would be cheaper), but the next meeting isn't until mid-May.

In the meantime, any concerned residents can give their views to the Portfolioholder, Cllr Nigel Avey at nigel.avey@btinternet.com – please copy us in at contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk



LRA subscriptions

We're very grateful to all the members who've responded to the letter we sent out with our February members' newsletter, *Loughton Life*, and who have already paid their 2019 £5 subscriptions.

We're all volunteers, and it's a tremendous help if members pay without us having to follow this up.

**If you haven't paid for 2019, you can do so by cheque to our membership secretary,
by bank transfer or by standing order.**

Details at <http://www.loughtonresidents.org.uk/contact-us/membership.html>

If you can't remember whether or not you've paid,
please email david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk

Social media watch

We need someone to keep an eye once a day on Twitter and Facebook
for items of interest to us and to residents.

We use these to help us keep residents informed through our email bulletins, newsletters and Tweets.

To find out more, please contact David Linnell
at contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk or on 020 8508 2932.

LOCAL NEWS

FOR LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS SEE <http://tinyurl.com/pbel693>

Central Line

From 01:20am on Saturday 6 until Sunday 7 April, there will be no service between Bethnal Green and Loughton and Woodford via Hainault. This includes Friday Night Tube.

This is due to track replacement work. Rail replacement buses will run.

[See the latest status updates on London Underground](#), including a map of closures.



Applications for late-night music and alcohol sales

You can make comments to the District Council at licensing@eppingforestdc.gov.uk, but they must be based on one or more of: The prevention of crime and disorder; Public safety; The prevention of public nuisance; The prevention of harm to children.

- **Turquoise Kitchen**, 280-282 High Road. Comments until 16th April.

The owners have applied to vary their premises licence:

- **to add the provision of recorded music** – Monday to Thursday 10:00-00:00, Friday and Saturday 10:00-01:30 and Sunday 12:00-23:30
- **for the supply of Alcohol** – Monday to Thursday 10:00-00:00, Friday and Saturday 10:00-01:30 (existing hours: 10:00-00:00) and Sunday 12:00-23:30

Their proposed opening hours are: Monday to Thursday 09:00-00:30; Friday and Saturday 09:00-02:00 (existing hours 09:00-00:30); Sunday 09:00-00:00

- **The Skillet, 154 High Road**. Comments until May 1st. New premises licence for:

- Late night refreshment: only required on Friday 23:00pm-23:30pm
- Supply of Alcohol: Monday to Thursday 11:00am- 17:00pm Friday 11:00am-23:30pm Saturday to Sunday 11:00am-17:00pm

Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday 11:00am- 17:00pm Friday 11:00am- 23:30pm, Saturday to Sunday 11:00am-17:00pm.

Forest Road house fire caused by tumble dryer.

On March 20th firefighters from Loughton, Harlow and London attended a fire in a terraced house in Forest Road, which was closed while they investigated. They managed to stop the fire spreading to the two neighbouring properties. However, the whole of the first floor was severely damaged by the fire and was left uninhabitable.

Incidents like this show how important it is to take extra care when using tumble dryers. [More.](#)



Picture from a different incident

Some tumble dryers are a significant fire risk!

Have you got a tumble dryer? Have you had it fixed? Check it out – and what to do about it - [here.](#)

New Government Waste Strategy 2019

The Government has released its new far-reaching [waste strategy](#) and four consultations that run until the 13th May. The District Council will be joining in the group discussions and replying with the Essex Waste Partnership.

The consultations are

- [introducing a deposit return scheme](#)
- [consistency in household and business recycling conditions](#)
- [consistency in reforming the UK packaging producer responsibility system](#)
- [plastic packaging tax](#)



Temporary car park closure

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April

During weekend engineering work on the Central line, car parks at these stations will either be closed, or have fewer spaces:

Hainault	Closed
Leytonstone	Closed
Loughton	50% fewer spaces
Newbury Park	Upper - closed
Redbridge	Closed
Woodford	Closed

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Loughton Town Council [Environment and Heritage Committee](#)

- **Missing boundary signs** at Rangers Road and Loughton Lane. The Town Council have reported these to the County Council, which has given replacing them a low priority.
- **Marlescroft Way Green.** Following the recent withdrawal of Epping Forest District Council's plan to build over Marlescroft Green, the Town Council is supporting an application to designate this area as a village green.

- **Traffic Light phasing at the junction of Rectory Lane with the Broadway and Borders Lane.**

The Town Council will be making a formal complaint about the working of these traffic lights, because of the length of time pedestrians are having to wait to cross the road, and the number of near-accidents caused by drivers turning right from The Broadway.

Planning applications

- **Rear of 165 High Road.** The District Council's local planning committee has refused permission for a one-storey roof extension to provide an additional 2 one-bedroom penthouse flats, as an addition to the 5-storey building being erected on the site under EPF/2600/14. The LRA Plans Group and the Town Council had objected because the approved building was already too high and out-of-keeping with the "human" scale of the High Road, particularly as it would be opposite the green open space of Standard Green. (EPF/3302/18)
- **1 Landmark House, The Broadway.** The committee has deferred an application for a site visit. (When it gave the contract to build Landmark House, the Council had failed to make proper provision for the sort of equipment which would be needed for a restaurant or pub, and so there is

now an application for air conditioning motors and cold room motors on the rear wall; the Town Council planning committee is concerned that these will create a nuisance for residents above.)

Wo Fat, 270-272 High Road.

On April 2, a District Council Licensing Committee was due to hear a request by Vital Eats Limited (trading as the Wo Fat Restaurant) for a Premises Licence transfer and change of Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).

The Home Office Immigration Department and Essex Police had objected to the request. However, Wo Fat withdrew the application before the meeting.

(Note: On March 19th a District Council Licensing sub-committee revoked Wo Fat's alcohol licence because illegal immigrants had been employed there – the revocation will take effect unless there is an appeal by April 11th.)



Residents' parking problems in Church Hill.

NEPP have looked at the problems being caused by drivers obstructing residents' driveways on the east (odd numbers) side of this road; they suggest that the affected residents should apply for a painted H-bar across their driveways.....details of how to do this are on their [website](#).



ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Loughton & Epping WEA

Information: contact: Pat Dale 020 8281 1536 mrspdale@gmail.com

To join a class: you can enrol at <https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk>

You can also book by free telephone on 0300 303 3464 (Mon – Fri 8am – 8pm, Sats 8am – 1pm).

Course title: Music Appreciation: Bad Music

Tutor: Chris Green. Cost: £50. Date: Tue 23/4/2019. Time: 10:00 - 12:00. Sessions: 6

Course ref: C2225669. Venue: Loughton Bowls Club, Eleven Acre Rise, Loughton, IG10 1AN

Description: Examine the various debates about music labelled 'bad' and explore the arguments for and against such judgements.

Course title: Nature, Ecology & Permaculture: Wetlands in Summer

Tutor: Patricia Moxey. Cost: £56. Date: Wed 24/4/2019. Time: 10:00 - 12:00. Sessions: 7

Course ref: C2225670. Venue: Jack Siley Pavilion, 1 Tidys Lane, Off Palmers Hill, Epping, CM16 6SP

Description: Gain an appreciation of some of the lifecycles found in aquatic habitats.

GENERAL

Parking on pavements. The Department for Transport is calling for written evidence on the impact of pavement parking, enforcement of offences as well as reforms of traffic regulation orders required to deal with instances of pavement parking.

[The Consultation](#) will close on the 14th May 2019.

[Given the number of residents' cars in Loughton, and the shortage of roadside parking space, it may be that - where appropriate only - part-on, part-off pavement parking could be a solution (as already on Church Hill)]



KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS



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Not on Twitter? See our tweets at www.loughtonresidents.org.uk

FACEBOOK: *Like and Follow* our Facebook page by going to
www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents

NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on April 19th.
2. In the process of drafting these items and sending them by email, some links to websites or email addresses can be broken; you can get round this by right-clicking on the link and then clicking “open” or, if this does not work, by cutting and pasting the address into an email or browser as appropriate.
3. If a web address doesn’t work, or anything else is wrong, please let us know at david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk
4. LRA gives no warranty about, and will take no responsibility for, items or services offered – purchasers/users should make their own enquiries, and will be acting at their own risk.
5. To enlarge a picture, click on it and then drag one of the corners outwards
6. EFNW = Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch

David Linnell

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